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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence
SUBJECT: Production of Broadcast Receivers in the
European Soviet Satellites
REFERENCE: Memorandum to AD/RR from AD/SI, 23 March 1956

1. In response to the referenced memorandum, this Office is undertaking to estimate the number of civilian broadcast receivers produced and in use in the European Satellites during the period 1945 through 1956. An attempt will be made to answer the specific questions raised in the referenced memorandum. It is anticipated that the research in response to your request will be completed by 30 April 1956.

2. Unless you have some objection, a copy of the survey will be sent to [REDACTED] which office has expressed strong interest in the subject of Soviet Bloc listener potential.

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ATTN : [REDACTED] I/EE

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Survey of Radio Receiver Production in the Soviet Bloc 1945-1956, capable of Reception Specifically in the 12.5, 17, 21, and 26 Megacycle Frequency Bands.

Ref : AD/SI Memorandum to AD/RR dated 24 January 1956

1. It is requested that a study be made of the production of broadcast receivers in the Soviet Satellite countries similar to the study of USSR receivers requested in the reference memorandum.

2. The urgent requirement for both studies was strongly expressed by representatives of US international broadcasters (USIA, RFE, RIN) at a recent meeting of the Technical Evaluation Advisory Committee. The reports would provide information to facilitate immediate official action in planning the use of certain specific broadcast frequency bands.

3. To conform with the urgency of this request, OSI submits the following information for consideration and whatever action may be appropriate to fulfill these requirements.

4. It is desired to obtain an official Agency report on the following estimates:

- a. Total number of civilian broadcast receivers produced in the Soviet Bloc countries between the period of 1945 and 1955 and projected through 1956.
- b. Total number capable of short wave reception.
- c. Total number of receivers capable of reception in the 15 and 17 megacycle bands.
- d. Total number of receivers capable of reception in the 21 and 26 megacycle bands.
- e. Number and distribution of receivers of the foregoing types in actual use (including the estimate of the effect of imports and exports).

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5. OSI will be pleased to assist in whatever coordination may be desirable to facilitate an early release of these statistics.

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